

God's Perfect Prophetic Timing

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY - JOHN CHAPTER 11:1-12:27

(Midweek Bible Study - April 1st, 2010)

1. FOR HIS GLORY (John 11:1-19)

11:1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 **When he heard this,** Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. **No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.**" 5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

1-5: Jesus is apprised of Lazarus' situation, yet, "when He heard" of it, He did nothing about it, so He could "be glorified through it".

6 **Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.** 7 Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." 8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" 9 Jesus answered, **"Are there not twelve hours of daylight?"** A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. 10 It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."

6-10: Jesus is not in a hurry. He stays where He is at for two more days. When He's finally ready to go, He gives them the assurance that there is enough "time/daylight".

11 After he had said this, **he went on to tell them,** "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then **he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,** 15 **and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."** 16 Then **Thomas** (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, **that we may die with him."** 17 On his arrival, Jesus found that **Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.** 18 Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and **many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.**

11-19: Jesus tells them gladly, simply, and "plainly" that the delay was for their sake, and the "many" others who had gathered, so they may believe, and He may be glorified.

2. IN HIS WAY (John 11:20-57)

20 When **Martha** heard that Jesus was coming, she **went** out to meet him, but **Mary stayed** at home. 21 "Lord," **Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.** 22 But **I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."** 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, **"I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."** 25 Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. **Do you believe this?"** 27 **"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe** that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

20-27: Jesus dialogues with Martha, and is querying her as to the "way" she believes, until finally she submits her will, and her way to His will, in His way.

28 And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 **When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.** 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, **noticed how quickly she got up and went out,** they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, **"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."**

28-32: Jesus now sees Martha's sister Mary, and the many others who were with her. In effect she tells Jesus that "if He had been there", it wouldn't have happened "this way".

33 When **Jesus saw her weeping**, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled**. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 **Jesus wept**. 36 Then **the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"** 37 But some of them said, **"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"** 38 **Jesus, once more deeply moved**, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 **"Take away the stone,"** he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, **"by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."**

33-39: Jesus is "deeply moved in spirit and troubled", so much so that He cries, not because He couldn't stop Lazarus' death in time, but because they didn't believe Him to be the eternal God of time, resurrection, and life.

40 Then **Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"** 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but **I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.**" 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come out!"** 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, **"Take off the grave clothes and let him go."** 45 Therefore **many of the Jews** who had come to visit Mary, **and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.**

40-45: Jesus has them take away the stone for the benefit of the people believing that He is "the way, He is the truth, and He is the life" thus He brings Lazarus back to life. That's who He is, how He is, and the way He is.

46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." 49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 **So from that day on they plotted to take his life.** 54 **Therefore Jesus no longer** moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. 55 **When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover**, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. 56 They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?" 57 But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

46-57: Jesus is right on schedule, He has an appointment set in eternity with destiny, as the "time" for the Passover is fast approaching. He is to become the "Passover Lamb" that is slain, there's just no other "way".

3. ON HIS CALENDAR (John 12:1-27)

12:1 **Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.** 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then **Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.** 4 But one of his disciples, **Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him**, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 **"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.** 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

12:1-8: Jesus tells Judas to leave Mary alone, they both had appointments set on the calendar of eternity, so as to fulfill destiny; Judas for His betrayal, and Mary for His burial and subsequent resurrection.

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, **not only because of him but also to see Lazarus**, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 **So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well.** 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

9-11: Jesus is now the plot of a vicious murder, and it's not only Him, but Lazarus as well, the one "whom He had raised from the dead". ☺

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **13 They took palm branches** and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" **14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,** **15 "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."** **16** At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

12-16: Jesus is right on schedule according to the calendar of eternity, right down to the day that He would make His triumphal entry. (Zechariah 9:9)

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

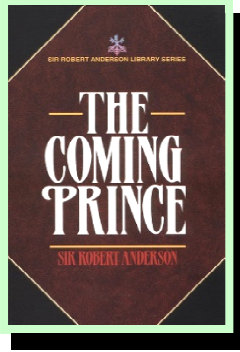
17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. **18 Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.** **19** So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" **20** Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." **22** Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. **23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come** for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** I tell you the truth, **unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies,** it remains only a single seed. But **if it dies, it produces many seeds.** **25** The man who **loves his life will lose it,** while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. **27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.**

17-27: Jesus very candidly declares that the day on the calendar had come, and He had come to that "hour". He was born to die, and will die to live, on the exact day and hour. (Luke 19:41-42)

Luke 19:41-42 **41** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it** **42** and said, **"If you, even you, had only known on this day** what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes.

19:41-42: Jesus weeps a second time, only this time it's a wailing cry, because they missed "the day". What day? The exact same "day" that Daniel records in His "time sensitive" prophecy given 561 years prior, in the year 528 BC. (Daniel 9:20-27)

Daniel 9:20-27 **20** While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill- **21** while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight **about the time of the evening sacrifice.** **22** He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. **23** As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision: **24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.** **25** "Know and understand this: **From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.'** **It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.** **26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off** and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. **27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'** **In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."**



Sir Robert Anderson in his work, *The Coming Prince*, does a masterful job in research showing that the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem actually was given on March 14th, 445 B.C. Because Daniel was prophesying during the Babylonian era they were using the Babylonian calendar of 360 day-years which calculates to 173,280 days. Based on this research, Jesus made His triumphant entry on the sixth of April, according to the Jewish calendar, in 32 A.D. and it works out exactly to the day.

The 69 “Sevens”

